



LIBERTY

CHURCH, PCA

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

*Sunday, March 31, 2019*

# Worship Service

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Silent Reflection and Meditation

Linda Runkles

*-Psalm 65, Geneva Psalter (1539)*

## Call to Worship

Psalm 134

## \*Gathering Hymn

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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## Confession of Faith

Q. What is required in the fourth commandment?

**A. The fourth commandment requires of all people to keep holy to God such set times as He has appointed in His Word, expressly one whole day in seven; which was the seventh from the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, and the first day of the week ever since, and so to continue to the end of the world; which is the Christian Sabbath, and in the New Testament called the Lord's Day.**

*Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 116*

## Confession of Sin

**Father God, you are the King of Glory, yet we do not worship you as we ought. You call us to yourself, yet we hide from your presence and flee from your love. We are to be holy as You are holy, yet we defile our hearts with the lusts of the flesh and the sins of our eyes. Rather than longing to be with You and Your people, we too often think of the Sabbath as a burden and the gathering of your children as drudgery. Forgive us for viewing the Lord's Day in this way, and give us today a glimpse of the eternal rest that we long for in Christ.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:5

## Invocation

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Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

\*Those who are able please stand.

**\*Hymns of Praise**

**His Mercy Is More**  
*Matt Papa & Matt Boswell*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Refrain*

Praise the Lord!  
His mercy is more!  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more!

*Verse 2*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more (*refrain*)

*Verse 3*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more (*refrain*)

## Blessed Assurance

*Fanny Jane Crosby, Phoebe Palmer Knapp*

### Verse 1

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine  
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

### Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long,  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

### Verse 2

Perfect submission, perfect delight  
Visions of rapture, now burst in my sight  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love (*refrain*)

### Verse 3

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love (*refrain*)

## \*Reading of Scripture

Luke 6:1-11

On a Sabbath, while he was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked and ate some heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands. <sup>2</sup> But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?" <sup>3</sup> And Jesus answered them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: <sup>4</sup> how he entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those with him?" <sup>5</sup> And he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath." <sup>6</sup> On another Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered. <sup>7</sup> And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him. <sup>8</sup> But he knew their thoughts, and he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come and stand here." And he rose and stood there. <sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?" <sup>10</sup> And after looking around at them all he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored. <sup>11</sup> But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

[Children ages 4-2nd grade are dismissed for Wonders of Worship  
(Children's Church) with Denise Madden & Maxine Saylor]

For children who are restless and vocal, please make use of the Cry Room in the back of  
the Old Sanctuary or the nursery downstairs.

**Shepherding Prayer**

Elder Steve Madden

**Offertory**

*Every Valley*  
John Ness Beck

Choir

**Receiving of Tithes and Offerings**

**Sermon**

Loving and Lawful

Pastor Nathan

**\*Hymn of Response**

*O Worship the King*

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**\*Benediction**

**\*Hymn of Glory**

***Doxology***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above the heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen.

**\*Postlude**

**Worship Leaders**

Reverend Nathan Moretto

Reverend Dr. Barry Cureton

Mr. Ron Smith, Music Director

Mr. David Tracht, Music Director

Mrs. Susan Smith, Choir Director

Mrs. Linda Runkles, Organist

Mr. Chuck Mitchell, Pianist

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**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** will be administered next  
Sunday and our mercy needs offering will be received during the regular  
offering.

The Elders welcome the opportunity to meet you, talk with you or pray for you after church. They will be stationed by the Communion Table following the service.

## **SERMON QUESTIONS**

1. Why did God institute a Sabbath?
2. What does it mean to 'rest' in the sense of Sabbath-rest? Do you find rest on the Sabbath? How?
3. What do you think are the ramifications of not obeying the Sabbath command in our society and in your own life/family?

## **SERMON NOTES**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR TWO SPECIAL HOLY WEEK EVENTS**

**Maundy Thursday/Communion Service**  
**April 18 @ 7:00 pm**

**Easter Sunday**  
**Breakfast & Egg Hunt @ 9:00 am (No Sunday School)**  
**Easter Service @ 10:45 am**

As we did last year as community outreach, we will be having an Easter egg hunt again. The hunt will start at 9:30 am and will be held weather permitting around the school yard. If the weather is not conducive we will have it in part of the gym.

We will be having a catered breakfast in Fellowship Hall Easter morning. No need to provide baked goods or egg casserole this year.

Please donate candy without nuts for our Easter Egg Hunt. Baskets for you donated candy will be provided at the doors.

## **Membership Class**

Our Membership Class starts on April 28 and will go for 7 weeks, ending on June 9th. It will take place during the Sunday school hour at 9:30am. Please contact Steve Madden at [sbyronm@gmail.com](mailto:sbyronm@gmail.com) for further details and if you are planning on attending the class.

## **Men's/Women's Prayer**

Join us for prayer every Sunday morning from 9:00 am–9:20 am in the Fellowship Hall. Men's prayer is led by Pastor Nathan and the Women's prayer is led by Lynnnda Bird.

## **Owings Mills/Reisterstown Small Group**

The Owings Mills/Reisterstown Small Group is having their regular monthly (second Friday) meeting at Lynn and Geof Smith's home on Friday, April 10th at 7:30PM. We will study the Fall in Genesis 3. All are invited to come join us for worship, study, prayer, and fellowship! Let Lynn know (410-833-6718) what you are bringing for a snack.

## **Children's Choir Rehearsals**

Right after worship today, Children's Choir will meet in the choir room for Palm Sunday and Easter. The choir is open to all children ages 4-12. Spread the word to any parents whose children are not already singing with us. Contact Susan Smith at 410-476-7273 or [Susang.smith79@gmail.com](mailto:Susang.smith79@gmail.com) with any questions.

## **Open Hearts Ministry Opportunity**

Save the Date! Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-9:30pm in the Old Sanctuary  
The new and improved Blessings Closet construction will be complete shortly, so we will need many hands to sort and size clothing.

Other needs include: sharpies, white trash bags, labels

Please let Erin Tracht know if you can attend ([erin.tracht@gmail.com](mailto:erin.tracht@gmail.com)).

## **AMEN BIBLE STUDY**

**Join us for** a weekly men's Bible study taught by Pastor Nathan every Saturday morning. We meet in the sanctuary, with breakfast and coffee provided at 7:15 am. Teaching starts at 7:30 am. Our first study will be the Book of Daniel. Contact Jesse Harlan for more information at [jesse.harlan@gmail.com](mailto:jesse.harlan@gmail.com)

## **Upcoming Event**

Please join us on Saturday, May 4 at 10 AM for brunch in Fellowship Hall and an update on the work of Chuck and Barbara in south Asia. Barbara will also have products available for purchase from women who are struggling with poverty in their country.

## **40 Days for Life**

40 Days for Life campaign of prayer and fasting began on Wednesday, March 5 and ends on April 14. Pray that God will raise up many to pray at Hillcrest in Catonsville and the downtown Planned Parenthood. Pray that many lives will be spared, that abortion workers will leave these jobs, and that those who have been involved with abortion will find forgiveness and new life in Jesus Christ. Signup to pray at these locations at [40daysforlife.com/catonsville](http://40daysforlife.com/catonsville).

Please be praying!

## **Movie in theaters now**

The movie "Unplanned" (based on Abby Johnson's book of the same name) is playing in theaters in Regal Hunt Valley and R/C Westminster. It will be shown at the Westminster location through April 3rd with numerous showings throughout those days. Although this movie has received an "R" rating for violence, there are no scenes graphic enough to warrant a high school age person to be prevented from seeing it. Keep in mind, in Maryland,

girls attending public high school are taken to abortion clinics during the school day without their parents knowledge to have an abortion performed. This movie is an education for all, and encouragement to abortion workers specifically to quit. Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood director, has founded an organization, And Then There Were None (ATTWN), to help workers leave. Going to see this movie will support her organization.

## **YOUTH SPRING BLAZE**

Multi-church youth event coming up **Sat April 6, 5-9:15 pm .**

This event is for 6th - 12th grade.

Where: Good Hope Presbyterian Church 12131 Rt 216, Fulton MD

**Talk to Phill and Kelly if you are interested in attending.**

## **LCS Middle School Musical**

**Friday & Saturday - April 5th & 6th at 7:00 pm**

Like so many girls her age, little Dorothy Gale of Kansas dreams of what lies over the rainbow. When a twister hits her farm and carries her to the merry old land of Oz, Dorothy battles the Wicked Witch of the West and soon learns that “there’s no place like home.” Join Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tim Man, the Cowardly Lion, and Toto as they travel down the Yellow Brick Road in search of the mysterious Wizard of Oz.

Call the school before Wednesday, April 3rd at noon to buy tickets for \$5 each or purchase tickets at the door for \$8 each.



## **Camp Liberty**

**Join us this summer for Camp Liberty!**

Camp registration is now available on the Liberty Christian School website. Camp Liberty will operate from June 17th through August 23rd and will be available for children 4 years old through 6th grade. We offer engaging activities each week that provide opportunities to draw closer to God, help prevent summer slide, and keep kids active and engaged. Specialty Camp registration will be available soon! These Specialty Camps will be available for children 4th through 8th grade and will include sports, art, fashion, and beginners robotics. Please contact Sarah Crowe at [summercamp@libertychristian.us](mailto:summercamp@libertychristian.us) for more information or if you have any questions.

***The Christian Choir of Howard County  
Celebrating their 51st Anniversary  
Presents***

***“Love Took His Breath Away”***

***Sunday, April 7, 2019; 6:00 pm  
Bethany United Methodist Church  
2875 Bethany Ln., Ellicott City 21042***

***Sunday, April 14, 2019, 4:00 pm  
Retreat and Conference Center at Bon Secours  
1525 Marriottsville Rd, Marriottsville 21105***

A free will offering will be given with proceeds to benefit the Maryland Food Bank.

**Focus on Missions  
Baltimore Rescue Mission**

We are presently looking at local diaconal missions supported by Liberty Church. This week we are looking at the Baltimore Rescue Mission, located in the heart of Baltimore, on Central Avenue. Baltimore Rescue Mission is a Christian, non-profit, non-denominational Gospel ministry that was founded in 1956, by Pastor Charles E. Buettner, and is currently shepherded by Chaplain Smith. The mission houses up to 200 homeless men every night for supper, clothing, lockers, showers, and a safe place to sleep. Its purpose is “to proclaim the unsearchable riches of the Lord Jesus Christ; to seek the salvation of the lost; and to foster, promote and encourage all phases of general rescue mission work. The ministry also includes a shelter for women called Karis Home, which provides shelter, counseling, clothing, meals, showers, and a gospel service for up to 38 homeless women, pregnant women and women with children. For nearly the last 35 years – with few exceptions – Liberty Church men have led worship services at least once a month on Saturday evenings at the men’s mission. This Liberty Men’s ministry has had a tremendous impact on the lives of these men. After the services it is not unusual for men to come up requesting prayer or describing how what was said helped them. The Liberty men who participate also are blessed as they strengthen relationships with each other while advancing God’s kingdom by meeting the very real spiritual needs of the homeless men in Baltimore city. Volunteers are needed to keep this Liberty Men’s ministry going. Monthly commitments are not necessary and no one is ever required to speak...unless he wants to.

Transportation from the church can always be provided. For more information, please contact Jeff Watkins at 410.402.0250 or [jefferydeanwatkins@gmail.com](mailto:jefferydeanwatkins@gmail.com).

**Prayer requests:**

- Pray for men and women from the streets of Baltimore will be redeemed through the work of Baltimore Rescue Mission.
- Pray for the staff to continue to love and serve their clients, being a reflection of Jesus.
- Pray for Liberty men to volunteer to be a part of the monthly service at the mission.



Men at the worship service at the Mission.

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Men enjoying a meal together

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# THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

## SUNDAY, MARCH 31

<i>Men's/Women's Prayer</i>	9:00 am-9:20 am	<b>FH</b>
<i>Sunday School for all ages</i>	9:30 am- 10:30 am	<b>VP</b>
<i>Coffee Fellowship</i>	10:30 am - 10:45 am	<b>FH</b>
<i>Worship Service</i>	10:45 am - 12:15 pm	<b>SAN</b>
<i>Youth Group</i>	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>BH</b>

## MONDAY, APRIL 1

<i>Sykesville Small Group</i>	7:00 pm	
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## TUESDAY, APRIL 2

<i>Men's Bible Study at Denny's (Isaiah)</i>	7:00 am-- 8:30 am	<b>OC</b>
<i>Battalion at Chapelgate</i>	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	<b>OC</b>

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	6:30 pm-7:00 pm	<b>P</b>
<i>Stockade</i>	6:30 pm—8:00 pm	<b>LCS</b>
<i>Pioneer Girls</i>	6:30 pm—8:00 pm	<b>FH</b>
<i>Choir Practice</i>	7:00 pm- 9:00 pm	<b>SAN</b>
<i>Men's Bible Study (Acts)</i>	7:00 pm—8:30 pm	<b>P</b>

## THURSDAY, APRIL 4

<i>Women's Bible Study</i>	7:00 pm- 8:30 pm	<b>LCS</b>
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## FRIDAY, APRIL 5

<i>LCS Musical</i>	7:00 pm	<b>SAN</b>
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## SATURDAY, APRIL 6

<i>AMEN Bible Study</i>	7:30 am	<b>SAN</b>
<i>Youth Spring Blaze</i>	5:00 pm- 9:15 pm	<b>OC</b>
<i>LCS Musical</i>	7:00 pm	<b>SAN</b>

## SUNDAY, APRIL 7

<i>Men's/Women's Prayer</i>	9:00 am-9:20 am	<b>FH</b>
<i>Sunday School for all ages</i>	9:30 am- 10:30 am	<b>VP</b>
<i>Coffee Fellowship</i>	10:30 am - 10:45 am	<b>FH</b>
<i>Worship Service</i>	10:45 am - 12:15 pm	<b>SAN</b>
<i>Randallstown Small Group</i>	12:30 pm	<b>FH</b>
<i>Youth Group</i>	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>BH</b>

**FH**-Fellowship Hall • **P**-Parlor • **LCS**-School • **VP**-Various Places

**SAN**-Sanctuary • **OS**-Old Sanctuary • **OC**- Off Campus • **BH**- Block House

## SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

	March 31	April 7
Nursery 9:30 a.m.	Lisa Byrd	Lisa Byrd
Combined Nursery 10:30 a.m. Noah's Ark Room	Carol & Katie Byrd	Lisa Byrd
Lock-up	Brian Moran, Don Wheatley	Chris Byrd, Tedd Tracy
Sound	Zach Dugan	Anthony Anderson
Greeters	Pat Schlitzer, Mary Ellen Gannon	Charlotte Crone
Usher Team Leader	Geof Smith	Kurt Reiblich

Adult Sunday School Classes		
<i>7 I Am</i>	Howard Hill	Fellowship Hall
<i>Statements of Jesus</i>		
<i>Westminster Confession of Faith</i>	Barry Cureton	Parlor
<i>Ladies Class Deuteronomy</i>	Joyce Klein	Fellowship Hall

## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday  
April 18 @ 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday  
Breakfast & Egg Hunt @ 9:00 am  
Easter Service @ 10:45 am

# Prayer List

## **For our Church Family and needs in the Body**

- Praise that Chuck Klein's heart surgery went well and he is at home recovering. Pray for continued and complete healing.
- Pray for Steven & Becky Vega. The custody trial that was scheduled for Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> has been postponed again.
- Pray for Erich Hofmann who had shoulder surgery last Tuesday and is home. Pray that his recovery will go well.
- Continue to pray for Nelda Ring.
- Pray for Sarah Kraus (South Korea) and Hannah Cate (China) as they teach English.
- Pray for the leaders of our church.

## **For Extended Family and Friends**

- Pray for Erika Watkins boyfriend, John's mother who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. She started treatments with chemo this week; pray for her salvation also.
- Pray for Cindy Watkins mother who needs to have a bone marrow transplant.
- Pray for Keith Frampton's coworker, Bob who has prostate cancer and is trying to cope with a new treatment. Prayers for comfort and his PSA numbers to go down.
- Pray for Keith Frampton's coworker Jim who has pancreatic cancer and is struggling with the side effects of chemo. Praise that his tumor is shrinking. 2 more months of chemo before radical surgery. Please pray for healing, comfort and his salvation.
- Pray for Kim (Duty) Griffin's sister-in-law, Beth (Griffin) Mueller who is recovering at home with home health care. She faces a long recovery.
- Pray for Yvette Beam's friend, Jeannie, who is in the process of selecting a hospice team. Pray also for her husband, Jim and the entire family.
- Pray for Pastor Jimmy Schwartz, chaplain at CLV, who was seriously injured in a car accident and is in rehab in New Jersey.
- Pray for Elena Kitchen's sister-in-law, Mary, as she undergoes chemotherapy treatments.

## **Liberty Christian School**

- Praise that the students at LCS not only receive an academic education, but learn about the Lord as well.

### **For our Missionaries**

- Pray for the homeless men and women from the streets of Baltimore to be redeemed through the work of Baltimore Rescue Mission.
- Please be in prayer for Bruce and Susan Young who serve with MTW in Japan. Pray for wisdom for Bruce as he is writing a book for Japanese Christians on how the gospel applies to them. Pray also that he will be able to communicate this message clearly. Please remember the new missionaries to Japan. Some are in language school, others are raising support to get to Japan. Pray they will learn the language well and be able to raise their needed funds.

### **Other Prayer Requests**

- Pray that the Lord will bring revival to our country.
- Pray for our National, State, and local leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-3).
- Pray for those around the world who are being persecuted for their faith.
- Pray for first responders- such as firefighters and police, who respond to emergency situations.
- Pray for our soldiers in harm's way and give safe passage to those soldiers traveling.
- Pray for Baltimore city and the end to violence in our city.

### **Pray for the Persecuted Church in LYBIA**

Pray for the protection of expatriate believers in Libya. Many sub-Saharan Africans have lived and worked in Libya for years. They suffer discrimination for both their skin color and their Christian faith.

<b>Small Group Information</b>			
Group	Contact	Phone	Meeting Date
Sykesville	Wheatley	410-549-0730	1st & 3rd Mondays
Reisterstown	Charlotte Crone	410-356-3189	2nd Friday
Randallstown	Cureton	443-756-9777	1st Sunday after Church
Woodstock	Klein	410-655-3753	3rd Friday
Acts 2:42	Harlan	443-854-5519	4th Sunday



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